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OUR LONDON LETTER

BRITAIN AND FRANCE AND THE POLISH QUESTION

A COUNCIL OF ACTION OF SOCIALIST EXTREMISTS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, August 19th.

I have heard it said this week in quarters that reflect Government views that it may prove a blessing in the end that the differences between Great Britain and France, which have been simmering in the background for some time, have been brought into the light of day. The outbreak of public opposition to any proposed warlike measures against Russia on behalf of Poland has shown our French friends that this country is not prepared to follow their lead in European politics.

I am free to say—what no number of the Government can—that since the Armistice France has been just a little difficult, and it has required all the Prime Minister's tact and suppleness to avoid a rift before now. I dare say if we were French—with the spectacle of Germany just across the frontier resisting every attempt to disarm her, and with the possibility that she might either be Bolshevized by Russia or Imperialized that country—we should be a little difficult, too. But British statesmen have always assured France that her fears are exaggerated, and have given her to understand that in the event of her being threatened she could count on British support.

However that may be, France believes that the path of safety is to help the downfall of the Soviet Government by external pressure, as, for instance, by helping Poland and by formal recognition of the anti-Bolshevik General Wrangel in South Russia. On the other hand, the British view is that once external pressure is removed Bolshevism will crumble.

These two views account for the divergence in policy now manifest. Time alone can prove whether we or the French are in the right in our judgment. Already there are signs that France sees that she has made a mistake. Anyhow, I am assured that the breach is more likely to close than to widen.

Perhaps the most remarkable development of the week has been the emergence of a British Soviet calling itself the "Council of Action." The guiding spirits, needless to say, are Socialist extremists. Those Labour leaders who have hitherto proved themselves upholders of constitutional methods have allowed themselves to be rushed into an approval of "direct action."

The Council solemnly warned the Government in the name of organized Labour that war against Russia over the Polish question would provoke Trade Union opposition in this country. Men would be forbidden to handle war material. As, however, we have been assured, on the authority of the Prime Minister, that there was never any intention to go to war, the "Council of Action," with their pompous resolutions were knocking at an open door.

Of course, the men who created this Council knew this very well. They also knew that public opinion generally in Great Britain was dead against any military adventures on behalf of the Poles. Poland has been guilty of aggression against Russia, it was said, and must take the consequences. But our Bolshevists wanted the country to think they disapproved Government policy in this matter. Their agitation, was, therefore, an unscrupulous use of a national emergency for purposes of party propaganda.

"The Council of Action" will be heard of again. Fortunately they do not represent the opinion of the vast bulk of Trade Unionism in the country, which is moderate, with a profound respect for existing methods of Government. The Council stand much in the same position towards the Executive as "did the Soldiers" and Workmen's Councils in Russia towards the Constituent Assembly in the early days of the Revolution. Their real aim is to overthrow the Constitution and seize the reins of power, if they can. In that case we should have, instead of democratic government, the inauguration of a system of tyranny with no doubt, its Lenin and Trotsky to give the law!

Mr. Lloyd George spoke for the country when he said on the eve of the adjournment of Parliament that any attempt at dictation by a "Council of Action" would be fought with all the resources of the State.

TROUBLE WITH THE MINERS.

It is expected that the miners will vote for a strike on the ballot which is now being taken, and I understand that Sir Robert Horne, of the Board of Trade, is inclined to the view that the miners' demands, which appear to be insatiable, have now reached a point when the public must make a stand if they are to be able to call their souls their own. There must come a time when a limit is reached. But the seriousness of a coal strike, throwing millions out of work in industry, leads some to think that a settlement will be reached in this instance.

BREAD SUBSIDY REDUCED.

The immediate effect of the Government's decision to reduce the bread subsidy is an increase of 3d. in the price of the quarter loaf, which is now 1s. 3d. This is higher even than the figure reached after the Napoleonic Wars. Coupled with the announcement in the unrelenting intimation that next March the bread subsidy will be further reduced, and in that event the loaf will cost 1s. 6d.

I believe everybody is agreed that the principle of food subsidies is inherently bad, but all the same it is rather unfortunate that the alteration in the cost of the loaf is being made now. It is sure to be followed by a demand for an increase of wages with the inevitable corollary of a further increase in prices.

What the country wants above all else at the present time is the cheapening of the loaf. Until the cost of living comes down any efforts to stabilise wages will prove ineffective; we shall have the demanding more pay because food is dear and continues to rise, and, of course, under such conditions, there must be unrest and uncertainty in the industrial world. Living in England to-day is 150 per cent. more than it was before the war, and it is this fact that lies at the root of the most of the trouble with Labour. Unfortunately the advance in the cost of the loaf is not calculated to improve the situation.

During the war when the police force was depleted by the enlistment of "men in blue" as soldiers in khaki, large numbers of police women were engaged both in London and the provinces. Dressed in an attractive uniform, the women did valuable service in an unobtrusive way. It is not altogether surprising, therefore, that in most places these war time recruits are being retained, although the regular police establishment has been brought up to strength again as regards men.

Now, another important step has been taken to enlarge the scope of police women's activities. The Home Office Committee have decided to make the women a permanent part of the detective system at Scotland Yard.

Although the public generally are not aware of the fact, it is interesting to know that women have been working in the Criminal Investigation Department for some time. They have been employed chiefly in the Finger-print Bureau and the Court Record Office, and also as interpreters. But under the new departure they will be made of them as duly accredited detectives.

The wonder is that Scotland Yard did not employ women in this direction before to-day. But the war taught the authorities that for cleverness, resource, and ingenuity women are able to beat men in the subtle arts of espionage; and it is thought that these qualities ought to prove decidedly useful on the side of law and order on the principle that it is a safe plan to "set a thief to catch a thief."

WILLIAMSON SPORTSMAN. Mr. Walter Winans, the millionaire horse breeder, sculptor, and revolver shot, who died with tragic suddenness while he was taking part in a trotting match, was one of those Americans who loved England. He made his home here for much the same reason that the late Lord Astor and others have done—because England is the country where personal liberty may be enjoyed in the true sense of the word.

As an all-round sportsman Mr. Winans had a world-wide reputation. The passion of his life was the breeding of beautiful horses. Next to this he loved shooting; and it is scarcely too much to say that he was one of the best revolver shots in the world. He could kill a wasp on the wing at 15 yards, and he had been known to set up six playing cards edgewise towards himself and at the same range of 15 yards cut five out of the six in half with six shots.

It is worth noting that this remarkable man was the first observer to point out that in certain moments a horse in rapid motion has three legs off the ground at once. His theory was ridiculed until photography proved that he was right.

POLO PONY BY AIR. Sir Philip Sassoon's name has become familiar to the general public since his house at Lympne on the Kent coast became the rendezvous of Allied statesmen in recent conferences. Of all the meeting places of these great personages, Lympne is, I understand, considered the most agreeable. This is because Sir Philip uses his great wealth to make the house one of rare comfort and luxury.

It is said that when he desires anything either for his guests or himself expense is the last thing to be considered. Last weekend, I hear, he wanted a polo pony, and as it was impossible to get it down in time by train an aeroplane was chartered, and the animal was flown to Lympne.

I heard a day or two ago of a youth who left a big public school this summer with an offer of a post in a world-famed business house. The youth, however, is 17 years of age, and the first thing he has had to do on coming to London is to attend a commercial college in order to learn writing and spelling. This, he is noted, is after years of an expensive public school education!

MINES FOR THE MINERS.

AUSTRALIAN UNION'S POLICY.

In Australia a serious coal crisis is imminent. The industry is still controlled by the Federal War Precautions Act, which will shortly expire. Coal prices are at present only half or a third of what they will probably go to as soon as control is released. The scheme most favoured is a limited control by the Government, whereunder the owners will pay the miners increased rates as granted by a proposed tribunal, and then raise the price of coal to recoup themselves.

Meanwhile, there has long been a serious diminution of output as the result of the deliberate slow-down policy of the miners in order to bring about socialisation of the industry. A strike seems inevitable in the temper of the miners; though the Union has exhausted most of its funds to support the Barrier miners, yet the coal stocks in various industries are so low that miners believe that a strike would be unlikely to last long as it would soon paralyse the other industries. The Union is extremely militant in its policy of the mines for the miners. It has already declared that mere nationalisation is unsatisfactory.

ITALY'S RED METROPOLIS.

BOLOGNA CENTRE OF SOCIALISM.

Mario Passano writes in the *Faustische Zeitung* (Berlin):—Bologna is the red city of Italy, the centre of Socialist power and agitation; its people and those of the surrounding country are overwhelmingly Socialist. Its mayor is a Socialist, its aldermen are Socialists, and even its middle class citizens, though they belong nominally to other parties, are more or less touched with the spirit of Socialism.

Rome is to-day a city of haste and hurry, where art galleries and art enthusiasts seem lonely and out of place. The museums, too, are the centre of interest in the city of the seven hills have been almost forgotten; and the people seem as if in mourning over a lost past, and despairing in face of a desperate future.

But Bologna, the red city, is a hive of business, full of people inspired with the joy of living and the passions of the day. They eat heartily, sleep well, drink deep and perform their tasks as they did before the war. They have gone as far with socialization as it is possible to go to-day under a non-Socialist Government. None the less the shops invite their customers with richer and more attractive show windows displays than in any other great city of Italy. Graceful motors glide by; the theatres are going full blast; wealth displays itself everywhere; poverty keeps out of sight.

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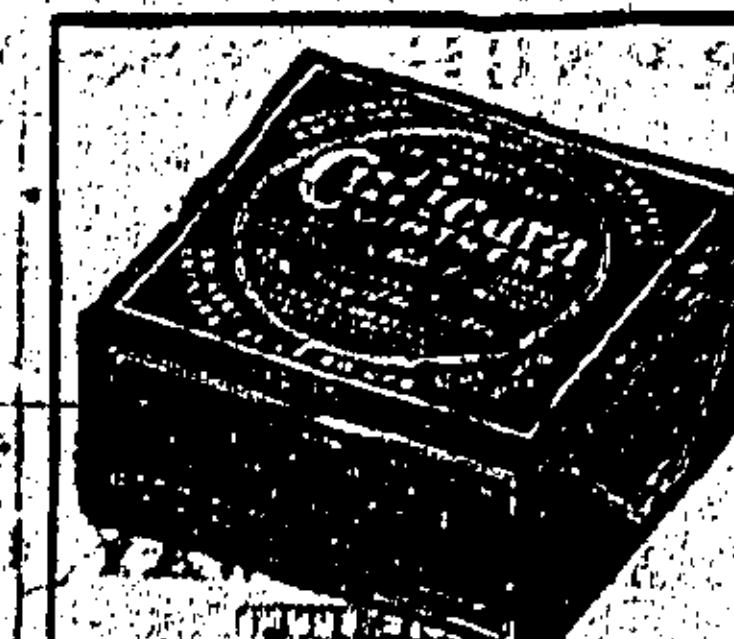
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THE SITUATION AT CANTON. THE TUCHUN'S DEMANDS.

The Tuchun, Mok Wing San, did not acquiesce in the influential recommendation made to him to quit Canton on Tuesday. According to current reports he is demanding a million dollars from the city to meet the expense of moving the Kwangsi troops back to their native province and to disband them there, allowing to each man two months' wages. There are said to be about 8,000 of these troops still in Kwangtung, but the Canton Times says of them that it is understood that 6,000 of them have been busily recruited, and are incapable of fighting "as they were but beggars in their province a month ago."

According to a report which is said to be trustworthy, Shum Chun Hsin, the Head of the Administrative Council, is still in Canton, but has removed from the Military Government Headquarters to the residence of the Tuchun on the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy, Kwan Yau Shan. Other Administrative Directors are also said to be in Canton, but not at their usual place of abode.

The Tuchun is said to be awaiting the return of Canton of Li Kan Yuan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Yunnanese troops, now in Shikung and also instructions from Luk Yung Ting and Tso Ho Ming, two military leaders of Kwangsi.

Meanwhile General Ngai Bong Ping, has assumed the Chief Command of the 5th Army Division and the Canton River Defence Corps and has declared his independence of the Tuchun's Administration. General Ngai has assumed the responsibility of guarding the city and has issued instructions to the police to obey his orders and to disregard any that may be issued by the Tuchun. Police measures have been taken to prevent looting in the city.

The Canton Times states that complying with the request of the Military Government, the Kwangtung Provincial Assembly, and other organizations, Admiral Lin Pao Yi, an Administrative Director and Minister of the Navy, will act as mediator between the Aungmying and the Kwangsi military parties. Admiral Lin has communicated with Tuchun Mok and General Li Fook Lun and Ngai Bong Ping, all of whom have agreed to put their terms in the hands of the Minister. Both Li and Ngai have announced that their stand against Mok is in the interest of the Cantonese and neither of them aspires to the military governorship of the province. Lin Cheng Hsun, Speaker of the Kwangtung Provincial Assembly, looking more for the welfare of the Chinese than for political clique than seeking for public peace, says our contemporary, is representing Mok's interest and he will call a meeting of the leading citizens of Canton to-day to help solve the present situation. It is understood that hostilities will be withheld pending the negotiation.

In case Mok is willing to withdraw, the most probable candidate for the acting military governorship will be Rear-Admiral Tang Ting Kwang, Vice-Minister of the Navy.

There is a report that Mok has purchased a house in Robinson Road, Hong-kong, as a place of refuge.

GENERAL CHEN'S ULTIMATUM.

It appears that after the capture of Waichow by the Cantonese forces an ultimatum containing three demands was sent by General Chen Kwang Ming, the Cantonese Commander, to the Kwangsi military leaders at Canton, viz.:

- 1.—That the Kwangsi troops should immediately leave Kwangtung province.
- 2.—Mok Yang Hui, the Tuchun, Yang Wing Tai, the Civil Governor, and several other Kwangsi military leaders to be deprived of all official positions.
- 3.—Tan Chun Hsin should immediately leave Canton City.

Five days are allowed for a satisfactory answer.

THE KWANGSI WAR LORD'S PEACE PROPOSAL.

According to news which reached the Constitutional leaders in Shanghai last week, the Kwangsi War Lord, Luk Wing Ting, after the fall of Waichow, realized that it was futile to oppose the Cantonese Army any longer and addressed a letter to General Chan Kwang Ming proposing terms of peace.

The War Lord is stated to have declared that he is ready to withdraw all his Kwangsi troops from Kwangtung provided a recognised leader of the Cantonese is produced who will have full authority to take over the transfer of the administration from the Kwangsi rulers.

We have seen nothing of this in the Canton papers but that it is possibly explained by the Press censorship which has been rigidly enforced there by order of the Tuchun.

PILLAGE AND SACRILEGE NEAR WAICHOW. EXPERIENCE OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

With the return of the Rev. Fr. Pilenga, of the Catholic Mission at Waichow, to the Colony late on Tuesday evening, further particulars have been gathered of the occurrence at the village of It Tiao-lung, some distance from Waichow, which had been reported by letter from Fr. Pilenga to Bishop Pozzani.

The narrative, as obtained from Fr. Pilenga himself, records the fact that, on the 2nd inst., General Ma Chi Kwangsi soldiers, disregarding Ma Chi's proclamation to respect Christian Churches and property, issued after the Nian-so affair, fired on the village of It Tiao-lung, killing amongst the Christians two children in It Tiao-lung and six women in a nearby village, besides a large number of other people. Pursuing the policy of excesses for which the Kwangsi soldiers are now notorious in these regions, the soldiers proceeded to pillage the village of It Tiao-lung and ransacked the Catholic Church there. They did not stop at the work of desecration of the sacred edifice, but went so far as to arrest Fr. Pilenga, the priest in charge, whom they held for ransom of \$300.

In order to intimidate the priest, the soldiers held as hostages 18 young male members (all Chinese Christian converts) of his flock, telling these young men that they too would be killed if the money for Fr. Pilenga's ransom was not forthcoming. Among the entire Chinese Christian population of some 400 persons they managed to raise a sum of \$100. The soldiers' greed, however, was not to be appeased by this amount. They retired to the hills a little distance from the village and warned Fr. Pilenga not to leave the place under penalty of death until the ransom was forthcoming.

During the same night a violent rain-storm raged. Under cover of the darkness, Fr. Pilenga availed himself of the opportunity to escape from It Tiao-lung, and with him there followed two Chinese Sisters and 30 Christians. In the course of their flight they had to wade through a rushing torrent of water, and at last, after a long and arduous journey, they succeeded in passing through the soldiers' lines unobserved. They eventually came to the village of Ha Leung, where they passed the night. On the morning of the following day (23rd inst.) the refugees commenced their journey to Hongkong, which, however, was destined to be accomplished only after another unpleasant experience.

On Fr. Pilenga asking them why they indulged in indiscriminate shooting, the soldiers answered that they had permission to shoot at discretion any person between the ages of 12 and 60.

The priest replied that the soldiers had better kill him first. Subsequently, they carried away a number of women and girls from the different villages. While under arrest Fr. Pilenga overheard the discussion between his captors as to whether or not they should kill him. Counsel was divided, they could not arrive at a decision, and so Fr. Pilenga's life was spared, after taking everything away from him, including his watch.

The Rev. Father's pony was led away in the Church itself, in the presence of Fr. Pilenga, the soldiers broke everything and threw his personal belongings out of the window. Even the priest's vestments were stolen.

Before the Kwangsi soldiers withdrew from the village they carried away with them all the cattle, pigs and poultry, slaughtering many more than they actually required. Altogether the forces numbered some 4,000 soldiers. Some of their loot was left on the hills around the village.

Father Pilenga decided to lodge a formal complaint at Waichow against the soldiers' behaviour. Lau Tak-hing, the principal official of Waichow prefecture, General Ma Chi and General Sun received the formal representation, but Lau Tak-hing attributed the excesses to bandits. This is only an excuse for the soldiers. General Mok refused to receive the priest's formal communication.

On his way to Hongkong with the other refugees, midway between Famen and Miri Bay, Fr. Pilenga and the others were captured by a gang of 30 bandits and conveyed to a pagoda in which about 300 Chinese were also detained. The bandits treated their victims with every consideration, the priest in particular. Three hours after for some reason or another, the bandits hastily withdrew with their booty from the pagoda, and thus afforded an opportunity for all the imprisoned men and women to escape.

The Sisters were robbed of their personal belongings and roughly handled. Among the bandits one spoke English, and it was this man who treated the priest even with kindness.

But for the inconvenience suffered by their detention the bandits did not seriously molest their victims.

Fr. Pilenga, as stated, arrived at Hongkong without further molestation on Tuesday night.

THEFT ON SUBMARINE. CHINESE GAINS ADMISSION BY STOLEN PASS.

At the Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Orme with the theft of a copper strap from a submarine in the harbour at H.M. Dock No. 1, on Tuesday.

The Police said that the defendant had no business in the yard, as he was not employed there.

The Magistrate enquired how the defendant gained admittance to the yard.

Sergeant A. Lee, of the Dockyard Police, said that he had in his possession a contractor's pass due the production of which would gain admittance for him. He had evidently stolen the pass, as the contractor denied that the defendant was one of his men.

The defendant said that he picked the pass up from the roadside.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

KWANTUNG ASSAULTS SHANTUNG.

POLICE HAD TO USE REVOLVERS.

Inspector Willis of No. 1 Police Station yesterday, charged a Kwangtung man before Mr. Orme, at the Magistracy, with assaulting a Shantung man in Canton Road West Point, on Tuesday night.

The defendant said he accidentally bumped into the complainant and a fight ensued.

The complainant, who appeared in Court in a battered blouse, and bore marks of severe handling on his face, said that he was a fireman on board the S.S. Shiao Nam. Yesterday he came ashore with 10 yen to do some shopping. He bought himself a pair of shoes, a hat and some cigarettes, and was on his way back to the ship at between 7 and 8 p.m., when he was surrounded by a large crowd of Kwangtung men in Canton Road, and severely assaulted. His assailants tore his blouse, and stole his property. He was rescued by some Chinese detectives.

Inspector Willis said that the disturbance was in connection with the hostilities in China between Kwangtung and Kwangsi soldiers. The crowd had, evidently, mistaken the complainant for a Kwangsi man, and assaulted him. The detectives had much trouble in quelling the disturbance. Two shots had to be fired in the air before the crowd dispersed. The defendant was seen by a detective actually kicking the complainant, and was arrested.

A Chinese detective said that he heard cries of "Strike the Kwangsi man" coming from Canton Road, as he was walking along the Praya. He rushed into Canton Road, and there saw a crowd of about two hundred men assaulting the complainant. By the time he got up to the crowd, the disturbance had already been stopped by some other detectives who were escorting the complainant away, when the defendant came up and deliberately kicked the complainant. Witness promptly placed him under arrest.

The Magistrate: The complainant is not a Kwangsi man?—No, he is from Shantung. The crowd evidently mistook him for a Kwangsi man.

Replying to another question, the witness agreed that it was quite possible that the crowd used the Kwangsi prejudice as an excuse for robbing the complainant.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5, or 10 days.

The complainant was taken back to his ship under a police escort.

NO GRASSHOPPERS ABOUT. PROFESSIONAL CATCHER ROBS LITTLE GIRL.

At the Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged, before Mr. Orme, with snatching a gold-mounted watch bangle from a little Chinese girl in Wan-chai on Tuesday.

The Police asked that a heavy penalty be imposed on the defendant, as the offence was a serious one, and amounted to highway robbery. The defendant met the girl near the Nanyang Tobacco Factory, and enticed her to the doorway of a house in Caroline Road where he clapped his hand on her mouth and stole the bangle. He was arrested by a Chinese constable as he was passing No. 1, Police Station.

Replying to the Magistrate, the girl said she lived in a slum at Tai-lung-chau. She was on her way to the Bookmoo market when she met the defendant.

The Magistrate: Why did you follow him?—He dragged me along against my will.

Why did you not call out?—Because he had his hand on my mouth.

The Magistrate (to the defendant): What work do you do?—I am a grasshopper-catcher.

How long have you been in Hongkong?—Ten years.

You have been a grasshopper-catcher all the time?—Yes.

Then why did you stoop to theft?—Because I had had no luck during the last week. I could not catch any grasshoppers, so I had to do something to raise money to buy food.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed.

AN ANAMITE WOMAN ROBBED ACCUSED CAUGHT PAWNING STOLEN PROPERTY.

Before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Magistracy, a Chinese was charged yesterday, with snatching a gold neck-chain and a locket from an Annamite woman on Monday.

According to the prosecution story, the defendant was seen by a Chinese detective on Tuesday, attempting to pledge the property as a pawnshop in town. The detective questioned him, and the defendant said that he got the chain and locket from a woman at Quarry Bay. The detective took the defendant there, and, in the course of enquiry, discovered the complainant. According to her, she and a friend were out walking on Monday afternoon, when they were accosted by the defendant who attempted to snatch her chain. She grabbed one end of it, and a struggle followed in the course of which the chain broke, and the defendant ran away with half of it, while she retained the other half. The police was on the half, which the defendant had. She did not report the matter to the police, because the woman was a stranger here, and did not know where the station was.

The Magistrate sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour and 10 strokes with the "cat."

CRICKET TOPICS.

(By "FOR OUR")

Many cricketers will rejoice to learn that the Hongkong Cricket League is to continue so far, despite the few who were anxiously waiting to sound its death-knell. The decision to have the League this season was made at an informal meeting held at the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion on Tuesday. Nearly all the Clubs were represented, and the Secretaries quickly got busy filling up their fixture cards. Good luck to them, and may the best team prove victorious.

That some interesting matches are sure to take place this season goes without saying, for I believe, all the Clubs have been strengthened more or less by the infusion of new blood. The League is sure to welcome to its ranks two recruits—the Police and the Club Recreio, who are ardently practising and there is every possibility of hidden talent being unearthed.

The annual meeting of the League is to be held on October 12th and a week later league cricket will start. Of course, it must depend on the entries, whether we have a league or not, but I can safely say there will be no lack of entries. The League, I have been given to understand, is to be run on the same principle as last season—that is, each team plays the other once. It is to be hoped that no league fixtures will be arranged, before the inter-port matches are played, for inter-port practice matches will be in full swing during October and early in November and as members of the different Clubs are likely to be called upon to play in these matches, it would interfere with league matches during that time.

With regard to the inter-port matches, Singapore, so far, has not stated definitely its intention to send up a team, and as the Singapore papers speak of the close of the cricket season there, it is rather doubtful whether a team would come out. The inter-port match with Shanghai will be a three-days' fixture and is fixed to start on November 8th. The practice field on Monday evening on the Club ground was very interesting and was watched by several spectators. There was a good turnout of players, but one noted with regret the absence of members of other Clubs, except Kowloon, and the Civil Service. Although an invitation had been extended to all the Clubs to send their best men for practice, this attitude is to be deplored, for the Colony wants to see the strongest team that can be got together, and if the Secretaries of the Clubs do not wish to select the men, let the members themselves make their selections.

Of the players who were at practice, one noticed several excellent men, good all-round. The Club have managed to pick out a good wicket-keeper in Lieutenant Franks of the Navy and have an excellent bowler and fielder in R. L. D. Wodehouse, a new arrival. I believe it is still too early to pick on the likely team to represent Hongkong, but one may hazard the opinion that the following names will be considered: R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Capt. J. H. Davies, Lieut. J. W. Frank, G. R. Sayer, Capt. Oliver, Major Edwards, C. Baker, E. B. Reed, C. Baker, R. E. O. Bird, W. C. Turner, and Colonel Bowen. There are several others whose claims should be considered, and there is no doubt that during the practice matches their form will be carefully watched. The first trial match is to be played on Saturday. R. Hancock is selecting the men and he can safely be trusted to select men who will be worth watching.

A. A. Claxton (formerly of Hongkong) secured an average of 41.5 in the Singapore tournament, being the highest score of the season, with 108 runs not out.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following teams have been selected for a trial match to be played on the Hongkong Club ground on Saturday next, 2nd October, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:

A TEAM.
W. O. D. Turner (Captain).
Capt. Davies.
A. E. Wood.
G. R. Sayer.
Capt. Oliver.
Major Edwards.
C. Baker.
E. B. Reed.
R. E. O. Bird.
F. J. de Hone.
Sergeant Harris.
Col. Nicholson.
Col. Bowen.

B TEAM.
R. Hancock (Captain).
T. E. Pearce.
R. L. D. Wodehouse.
Major Bagnall.
Major Middlemass.
Lieut. Franks.
R. E. O. Bird.
W. D. Wilson.
Capt. Gray.
Ng Sze Kwong.
Lieut. Graham.
Brig-General McNaughton.
Lieut. Bevan.

THE INDIAN RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Indian Recreation Club, held yesterday:—President, Mr. J. H. N. Mody.
Committee:—Messrs. M. Ramjahn, M. A. Ramjahn, D. K. Khars, S. E. Ismail, Insp. Nawab Khan, N. M. Hux, D. Ramjahn, S. Juman, A. A. Ramjahn, Insp. Mohinder Singh, Bishop Singh, M. B. Baffed.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. R. N. Nigam.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. A. H. Ramjahn.
Officers:—Capt. Mr. A. H. Ramjahn.
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presented to the undersigned on or before
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cent per annum has been LOST by the said
LAU HOE KI and no other person is entitled to
the same or to the said sum of \$64,000 or the
interest thereon or to any credit or consideration
in respect thereof. Any person having any
knowledge of the whereabouts of the said
Deposit receipt is requested to communicate
with the undersigned.

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Hongkong, September 29th, 1920. [1550]

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are hereby WARNED against
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SHARES in the undermentioned Companies, the
Secretaries of which have been notified against
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Hongkong, September 29th, 1920. [1558]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

**M. A. G. DA ROCHA, AUCTIONEER,
SURVEYOR AND GENERAL
BROKER, will REMOVE to No. 2, D'ARVILLE
STREET, (below the Coronet Theatre) on
OCTOBER 1st, 1920.**

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of this opportunity to thank his numerous
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their names to the undersigned for enrolment.
By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, September 15th, 1920. [1491]

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVI-

IGATION COMPANY, LTD.

THE Directors of the above Company have
declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of
3 per cent. (equal to 3/- per Share) in respect
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Dividends for Shareholders on the Colonial
Register are free of Income Tax and will be
paid at the rate of 4/- per dollar.

Dividend Warrants will be obtainable on and
after THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1920, at the
Company's Office.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
30th, 1920, to WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th,
both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.**
Hongkong, September 16th, 1920. [1504]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

**THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING** of the Company
will be held at the Office of the General
Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Ltd., Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing
Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 30th September to 30th
October, 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.**
Hongkong, September 15th, 1920. [1496]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
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from the 1st, to the 9th OCTOBER, 1920, both
days inclusive.

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be
had at the Office of the Company, No. 2,
Queen's Building, Hongkong, on and after the
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By Order of the Board,
**J. A. W. GRAHAM,
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Hongkong, September 22nd, 1920. [1519]

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presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise
they will not be recognized.
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THE CANTON DISTURBANCE.

The situation at Canton is admittedly
grave. Crowds of people are leaving the
city daily, fearing that a "great battle"

is imminent between the Cantonese troops
under CHAN KWING-MING, who appear to be
closing in on Canton, and the Kwangsi
forces in possession, which are controlled
by Mok WING-SAN, the Tschun of Kwang-
tung. Realizing the danger and wishing
to avert fighting in the city two of his
leading generals have declared their
"independence" of Mok's administration,
and have been pressing upon him the
wisdom of leading his troops back to
Kwangsi.

Similar advice has been
pressed upon the Tschun from many other
influential quarters during the past few
days, but it seems Mok is only prepared
to quit on condition that he is given a
million dollars for the disbandment of his
troops. That is said to be something
which it is impossible for the Cantonese
to grant at the present time, but since
the discussion of the situation has taken
place, the probability is that some
compromise will be reached, and the grave
menace to the city soon be removed.

It is, at least, sincerely to be hoped
that this will prove to be the case.
The immediate cause of the present
disturbance of the peace is attributed to
the dissatisfaction created among many of
the Kwangtung officials by coveted posi-
tions being given to Kwangsi men. We
imagine, however, that the trouble goes
much deeper than this, and when we follow
the trend of events since the establishment
of the Parliament in Canton we find
substantial ground for our belief.

The South-West Consideration, as is known
comprised the provinces of Kwangtung,
Kwangsi, Hunan, Yunnan, Kweichow and
part of Szechuen. For the administra-
tion of this area Parliament appointed
seven Commissioners. Dr. Sun Yat-sen
was the chief, and the others were SHUN
CHU-SUN, LUX WING-TUNG, WU TING-
TUNG, TANG SHAO-I, TANG CHI-YAO and
LI PAO-I. They were the virtual
governors in the South, but as some had

control of armed forces and some had not,
they were by no means of equal standing;
nor must it be supposed that any of them
paid too much attention to the Parliament,
from which, in theory at any rate, they
all derived their authority. LUX, who
while acting as one of the Committee of
seven, was also Inspecting Commissioner
of the two Kwangs, was by far the
strongest man of the group. Dissension
was not long in manifesting itself.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen was soon at logger-heads with
Mok WING-SAN, the Tschun of Kwang-
tung, and the quarrel culminated in the
early hours of a morning some two years
ago when Chinese gun-boats bombarded
Mok's quarters. The fire was not
returned. The people generally blamed
Dr. Sun, and very shortly afterwards he
retired from the stage. Regarding the
incident as a trial of strength between
two officials it must be admitted that Mok
gained the day, and it is pertinent to
remember that while his appointment as
Tschun of Kwangtung came ostensibly
from Parliament, he owed the position to
LUX's influence. He was, in fact, LUX's
nominee, and has always been one of his
supporters. Both are natives of Kwangsi.

When Dr. Sun left, the chieftainship
of the High Commissioners devolved upon
SHUN CHU-SUN. The next difference
of opinion between the administrative
heads led to the complete breaking up of
any semblance of orthodox government.

LUX and SHUN were accused of negotiat-
ing secretly with Peking. When the
Southern Parliament was first formed,
TANG SHAO-I, a Cantonese, in addition to
becoming one of the Commissioners of the
South, was named the chief Southern
representative at the Peace Conference at
Shanghai. He has been so busy since that
he has never found time even to pay
Canton a short visit, and still the
unification of the country would seem to
be as far away as ever. When the charge
was made that LUX with SHUN were going
behind the back of the accredited Southern
representative, WU TING-FANG left Canton
in disgust, and the greater part of the
Parliament went with him. Since then
we have had a clearly defined issue.

Canton was left with only a Parlia-
mentary rump, and we heard an echo of
the financial troubles which followed in
the Courts of Law in this Colony and
Shanghai. Dr. Wu TING-FANG, who, in
addition to his other duties, acted as
Finance Minister, and Minister of
Foreign Affairs, quite naturally, perhaps,
considered that the Treasury should
be still under his control in whatever
part of the country he might choose
to reside. LUX and SHUN, on the
other hand, as the only responsible leaders
left in the South, considered that they
were undoubtedly the rightful inheritors
of the Southern funds. Both Dr. Wu
and Sun are in Shanghai now, and in
association with them are TANG SHAO-I,
the former Peace delegate, and TANG CHI-
YAO, Tschun of Yunnan, another member
of the original seven commissioners. LIN
PAO-I, the remaining member, who is
Admiral of the Fleet, was some time ago
appointed Tschun of Fukien. In order to
regularize matters as far as possible in
Canton, LUX and SHUN, in conjunction
with the remnants of the Canton Parlia-
ment still remaining at their posts, filled
up the vacancies in the Cabinet by
appointing WU CHUNG-YAO, a Cantonese,
as Minister of Foreign Affairs, CHAN
KANG-TO as Minister of Finance, and Mok
WING-SAN, Minister of War. SHUN KU-
WU was also made a member of the
Cabinet and given the post of Tschun of
Szechuen. The present Civil Governor of
Fukien, and Commander in Chief of the
Kwangtung troops CHAN KWING-MING,
received his appointment from the first
Canton Government. His task was the
driving out of the Tschun appointed by
Peking, LI HAU-KAI. He was partially
successful, but affairs in Fukien have been
complicated by the changes in the South.

CHAN, although nominally under the
control of Canton, formed the opinion that
the reconstituted Cabinet there had no
authority and refused to obey orders.

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Dr. Sun Yat-sen was soon at logger-heads with
Mok WING-SAN, the Tschun of Kwang-
tung, and the quarrel culminated in the
early hours of a morning some two years
ago when Chinese gun-boats bombarded
Mok's quarters. The fire was not
returned. The people generally blamed
Dr. Sun, and very shortly afterwards he
retired from the stage. Regarding the
incident as a trial of strength between
two officials it must be admitted that Mok
gained the day, and it is pertinent to
remember that while his appointment as
Tschun of Kwangtung came ostensibly
from Parliament, he owed the position to
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AFGHANISTAN.

A REVOLUTION IN THE AIR

The *Colombo Express* Frontier Correspondent writing recently said: "Terror and anarchy reign everywhere. People talk of a revolution in Afghanistan as a mere fancy. But Sardar Inayatullah Khan, the unfortunate heir-apparent of His Majesty the deceased Amir, is likely to realize wide sympathy. The Amir apprehended this long ago and secretly bequeathed his throne to Sardar Inayatullah Khan, his predecessor on the Kabul throne; but now it is believed that if he repeats his cruel act by putting an end to his brother's life he will soon be faced by an appalling disaster. The famous Mahomed Tardi is still highly favourable to the Amir. Sardar Inayatullah Khan, the Prime Minister, seems to have lost his importance in the court as his policy is no longer adopted by the Amir. General Nadir Khan, with his plenipotentiaries, is struggling to establish his own. It is believed in official circles that the Afghan delegation will soon be coming to India with the approved draft Treaty for final settlement and signature.

About 800 more Muhajirins have returned from Kabul today making a total of some 8,000 who have come back so far. The *Colombo Express* says that the Muhajirins are pouring in from different roads. It is believed that 95 per cent. will come back to settle in their deserted homes.

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The recent sudden announcement of the cut in Ford prices was a shrewd move on the part of Mr. Henry Ford himself, designed in the first instance, to smash certain outside speculators and precipitated by reports of an impending transport crisis in America following the increase in rail charges.

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THE KNAPP "PUTSCH."

LUETTWITZ'S JUSTIFICATION.

General von Luetwitz, the military leader of the Knapp "putsch," sends from his hiding place abroad a long letter to the *Kreuzzeitung* attempting to justify his action. He says that Knapp and himself acted because the Reichstag elections were being unconstitutionally postponed, and the Government, not recognising the Bolshevik peril, was about to weaken the forces available to combat it. The postponement of the elections meant allowing the Government to continue on a course which would have led to disaster, and the wrapping of the army would have resulted in a catastrophe for Germany if not for Europe. He admits that his action excited mingling even among the Nationalists, who regarded it as mischievous and detrimental to the result of the elections, but he urges that it caused wide-spread enthusiasm and roused the bourgeoisie from lethargy, while it accelerated the elections by nearly a year. Moreover, it led the radical elements to rise before their forces were ready and delayed the reduction of the army, which still numbers 300,000, which he regards as a great blessing in view of the Bolshevik successes against the Border States, though whether these 300,000 would be an adequate nucleus against a Bolshevik attack is, he thinks, another matter. His flight from Germany, he says, only took place after an interval of eight days, during which his whereabouts was known to the authorities, and was due to a distaste for a long period under arrest. He adds that he is ready to return and submit to examination if a guarantee is forthcoming that he will not be kept waiting.

DOES A CUP OF TEA DO YOU GOOD?

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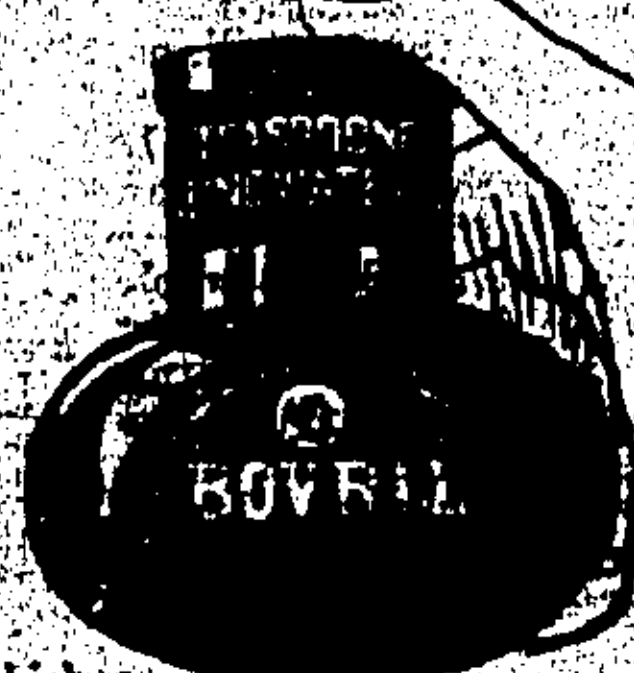
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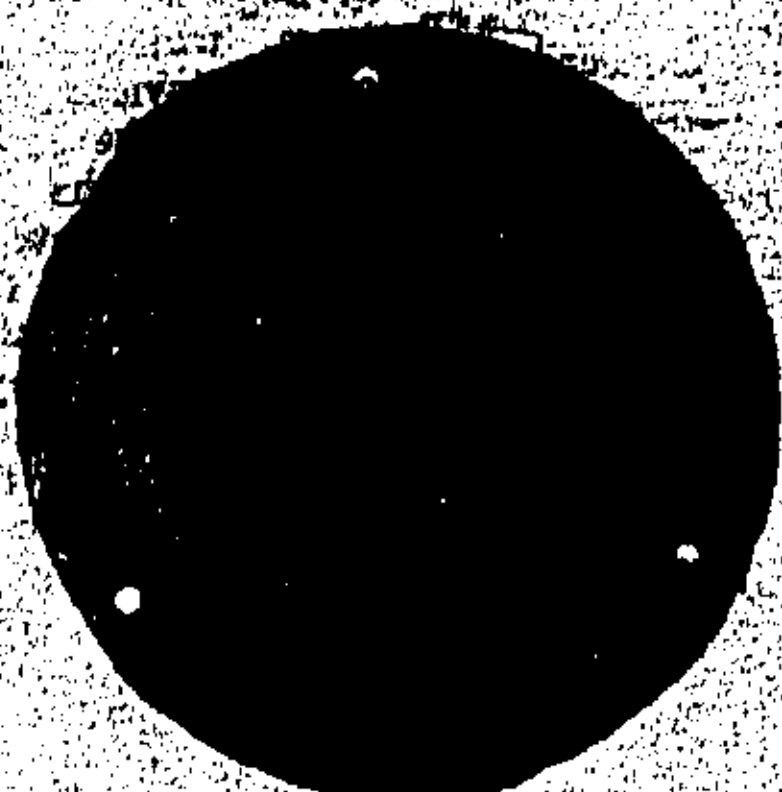
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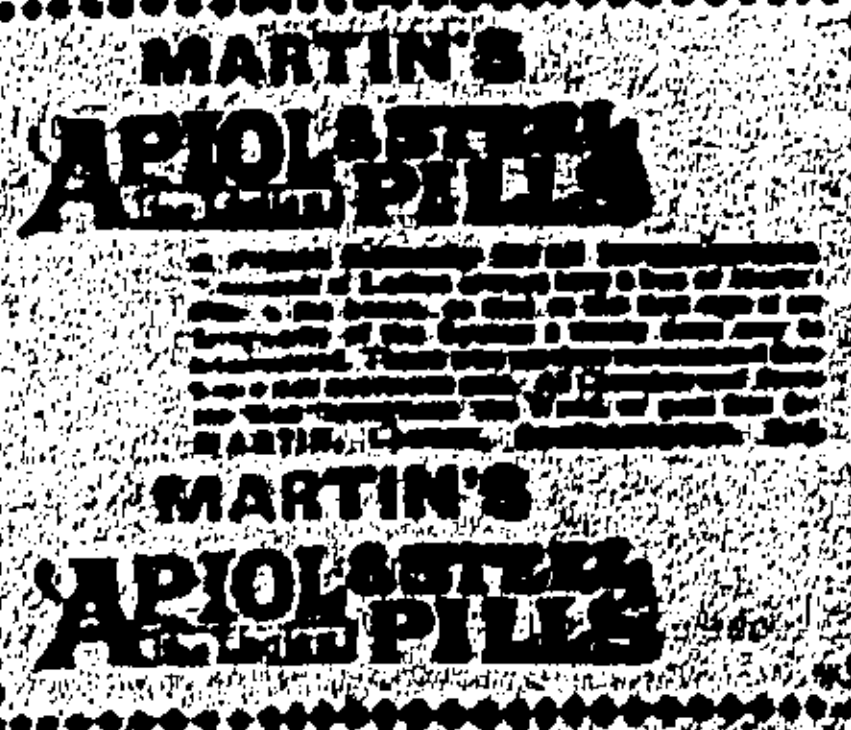


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